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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL: RECOMMENDATION TO
AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF
AGREEMENT NO. 74497 WITH AMERICAN LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR DAILY
COURT FILING AND RELATED SERVICES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize the County Counsel or his designee to execute an amendment to Services Agreement No. 74497 (Services Agreement) with American Legal Support Services, Inc. to extend the term of the Services Agreement to July 31, 2008 and to provide the option to extend the term of the Services Agreement to August 31, 2008; delegate authority to the County Counsel or his designee to exercise the option to extend the term of the Services Agreement to August 31, 2008.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the County Counsel or his designee to execute an amendment to Services Agreement No. 74497 (Services Agreement) with American Legal Support Services, to extend the term of the Services Agreement to July 31, 2008, with an option to further extend the term of the Services Agreement to August 31, 2008.
2. Delegate authority to the County Counsel or his designee to exercise the option to extend the term of the Services Agreement to August 31, 2008.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Under Services Agreement No. 74497 (Services Agreement) with American Legal Support Services, Inc. (ALSSI), ALSSI provides the County Counsel with daily court filing and related services. The Services Agreement expires on June 30, 2008.

In April 2008, the County Counsel issued a Request for Proposals soliciting proposals from vendors to provide these services. The County Counsel has received proposals and is in the process of selecting a vendor, but will not be able to finalize and recommend a contract to your Board prior to the expiration of the Services Agreement on June 30, 2008.

County Counsel's staff uses the court filing and related services on a daily basis. Any gap period between when the Services Agreement expires and when County Counsel is able to recommend a contract to your Board would be very detrimental to the department's ability to provide services. In approving the recommended action, the Board is authorizing County Counsel or his designee to extend the Services Agreement to allow ALSSI to continue to provide these services while County Counsel concludes the solicitation process.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

With Board approval, the Services Agreement will be extended to July 31, 2008, with the option to extend the term of the Services Agreement to August 31, 2008. Under the extended agreement, ALSSI's monthly retainer rate shall be \$7,858.19, which is the current rate under the Services Agreement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The term of the Services Agreement will end on June 30, 2008. The extension is necessary to meet the emergent need of the County Counsel's legal staff and to allow the department time to complete its solicitation process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action is anticipated to have minimal, if any, impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board letter to the County Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,


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c: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors